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Dear Wateruser:

The records of the Idaho Department of Water Resources show you divert water from a surface water source in the state of Idaho. The Director of the Department of Water Resources has signed an order requiring you to measure and report your water withdrawals beginning in 1995. A copy of the order is attached.

You must measure your diversions of water located within the geographic boundaries of the area depicted on the map attached to the order, except (1) for irrigation uses which irrigate less than or equal to five acres, or (2) for nonirrigation uses which have the capacity of diverting 0.20 cfs or less. Individual uses of less than the above described conditions, but which are diverted through a common system which exceeds the conditions are not exempt, and the total diversion into the common system from the public water source must be measured. The order does not require individual measurement of water received by shareholders or customers of water supply appropriators such as canal companies, irrigation districts, municipal suppliers, etc. Only water diverted from public sources must be measured. Water diverted directly from the Snake River need not be measured pursuant to this order in 1995. The watermaster will administer and measure water within Water District 01.

An annual report must be filed every year with the Department.

The Director can waive the measuring device requirement if you (1) divert with a pump, and (2) demonstrate that your water withdrawals can be accurately estimated using power records. If you want your water withdrawals estimated from power records, you must prove that the installation of a measuring device would be burdensome and that your system configuration and operation permits estimation of your diversion with power records. You must also sign an agreement with the Department to supply information to the Department which will allow us to calculate your estimated water withdrawal from power records.

Enclosed is a summary of acceptable measuring device types and minimum standards for installation, and a summary of reporting requirements for the two measurement options.

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If you are an irrigation user, you must start measuring when you begin diverting water for irrigation. If you divert water for a nonirrigation use, you must begin measuring by April 1, 1995, or when diversion begins in 1995 if after April 1. Any diversion without an installed, properly operating measuring device or a signed agreement on file with the Department is unauthorized.

The Department will provide you with reporting forms. When you report your diversion at the end of each year, you must also enclose a report processing fee. The fee for 1995 is \$20.00.

The Department will sponsor a surface water measurement seminar on January 30, 1995, 1:00 p.m., at the Hagerman Valley Senior & Community Center, 140 East Lake Street, Hagerman, Idaho. At the seminar, we will present more detailed information about measuring devices, the method we will use to estimate water diversion from power records, and the reporting process.

Please call me, Burke Scholer, Scott King, or Tim Luke at the Department if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Gary Spackman